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A note on the availability of these books: Some of the books are so new that they can be found only in bookstores, for the time being. Other books can be purchased inexpensively from the following two distributors:

National Women's History Project
P.O. Box 3716
Santa Rosa, CA 95402; and

The Feminist Press
The City University of New York
311 East 94th Street
New York, NY 10128.

Each group will send you a free catalog. However, most of the books included in this list can be found in your local libraries.

Kindergarten-Grade 2

1) **ABC Workbook**
Jean Mangi

This alphabet book encourages girls and boys not to limit their activities or aspirations.

2) **Alfie Gives a Hand**
Shirley Hughes

Alfie's best friend is having a birthday party, and Alfie is invited to go without his mother or sister. He manages to have a good time and helps his friend, Min, out of a scary situation.

3) **All Kinds of Mothers**
Cecily Brownstone

Mothers do all kinds of different things.

4) **Amelia Earhart**
ERC Social Science Program

This biography describes the courage and skill of a world-famous, record-setting pilot.

5) **Annie and the Old One**
Miska Miles

A grandmother shares her wisdom with her granddaughter.

6) **Atalanta and the Race**
Betty Miles

In this version, Atalanta and her friend John win the race at the same instant. They spend a pleasant afternoon together talking about their different interests and then set off in different directions to see the world.

7) **Benji**
Joan M. Lexan

This story shows how one very shy boy overcomes some of his fears.

8) **Blueberries for Sal**
Robert McCloskey

Sal and her mother meet a mother bear and her cub on Blueberry Hill.

9) **Building a Clubhouse**
Carol Kropnick

Children may create their own story to go with the book's pictures of girls and boys building a clubhouse.

10) **City in Winter**
Eleanor Schick

School is closed during a blizzard, and Jimmy and his grandmother find many things to do together while his mother works.

11) **Claire and Emma**
Diana Peter

A mother writes the true story of her two deaf daughters, ages four and two.

12) **Crow Boy**
Taro Yashima

Chibi could imitate a crow so well that everybody imagined the far and lovely place where he lived.

13) **Families**
Meredith Tax

Families come in all shapes and sizes.

14) **A Father Like That**
Charlotte Zolotow

A boy whose parents live apart describes a wished-for father.

15) **George & Martha**
James Marshall

George and Martha try to be friends, but it is hard when pea soup and dancing are involved.

16) **Girls Can Be Anything**
Norma Klein

"Girls are always nurses," said Adam. But Marina wanted to be the doctor, and the pilot and the President.

17) **The Giving Tree**
Shel Silverstein

This book is a parable of a tree who loves a little boy and teaches him lessons about giving and the acceptance of a loving and sharing relationship.

18) **Go and Hush the Baby**
Betsy Byars

Will takes care of the baby while his mother paints and bakes.

19) **Grownups Cry Too**
Nancy Hazen

Designed to counteract sex-stereotyped behavior presented to young children, this story shows that grown-ups -- both women and men -- can cry.

20) **He's My Brother**
Joe Lasker

Life is not always easy for Jamie who has problems at school and at home.

21) **Hooray for Ginger**
Lorenzo Martin Campbell

This is the story of a young girl's camping trip with her family.

22) **The Hundred Penny Box**
Sharon Bell Mathis

Michale loves Aunt Dew and her hundred penny box.

23) **Hurray for Captain Jane**
Sam Reavin

A girl dreams that she is the captain of an ocean liner.

24) **I Love Gram**
Ruth Sonneborn

This is a story about a black family that is headed by a working mother and grandmother.

25) **Jackie**
Lewis Luevester

A new girl in the neighborhood, Jackie plays with the boys all summer. Only when school begins do the boys discover that she is a girl.

26) **Jamaica's Find**
Anne Sibley O'Brien

Jamaica finds a toy and a red cap in the park. What does Jamaica decide to do with these lost items?

27) **Jellybeans for Breakfast**
Miriam Young

Two little girls plan for their future, including a trip to the moon.

28) **Leo the Late Bloomer**
Robert Kraus

Leo is a late bloomer but eventually grows up through a series of adventures.

29) **A Lion to Guard Us**
Clyde R. Bulla

After the death of their mother, the children travel across the ocean by themselves to go to the United States to live with their father.

30) **The Magic Hat**
Kim Westsmith Chapman

Girls and boys play happily together until something unexpected happens.

31) **Martin's Father**
Margrit Eichler

Martin and his father play and do the housework together.

32) **Max**
Rachel Isadora

Max takes his younger sister to her ballet lesson on his way to baseball practice. One day he happily joins the class.

33) **Mothers Can Do Anything**
Joe Lasker

Women are shown in all kinds of jobs.

34) **My Friend Jacob**
Lucille Clifton

Sam and Jacob are special friends who help one another learn.

35) **My Mom Got a Job**
Lucia Smith

When mom goes to work, a young girl misses the way things used to be be. But she finds that some of the changes in her life are fun and bring a new meaning to the whole family.

36) **My Mother the Mail Carrier/Mi Mama la Cartera**
Inez Maury

This four year old is enthusiastically involved with her mother's job as a letter carrier.

37) **Nice Little Girls**
Elizabeth Levy

New in school, Jackie is called a boy because of her appearance and enjoyment of "boy" activities.

38) **Noisy Nancy and Nick**
Lou Ann Gaeddert

Nancy and her friend Nick explore the noisy city.

39) **Of Course Polly Can Ride a Bike**
Astrid Lindgren

A determined five year old proves that she can ride a bike.

40) **Petronella**
Jay Williams

In this twist of an original fairy tale, the princess rescues the prince.

41) **The Practical Princess**
Jay Williams

How does Princess Bedelia manage to uncover for herself a handsome prince, outwit the old and crafty Lord Garp, and live happily ever after?

42) **Rachel**
Elizabeth Fanshave

Rachel's life in a wheelchair is active and fun.

43) **Ramona the Pest**
Beverly Cleary

Meet a kindergarten drop-out!

44) **Sarah, Plain and Tall**
Patricia MacLachlan

When Caleb's mom dies, his lonely dad yearns for someone to sing with until Sarah and her cat come to town.

45) **Shoeshine Girl**
Clyde R. Bulla

Sarah Ida is determined to find a job, and she does.

46) **Stevie**
John Steptoe

Stevie is a babysitter who gets teased because of what he does.

47) **Through Grandpa's Eyes**
Patricia MacLachlan

Grandpa shows John how things are seen by those who are blind.

48) **Trouble with Martin**
June Counsel

Everybody in this book does things differently.

49) **William's Doll**
Charlotte Zolotow

William's grandmother understands exactly why William wants a doll -- so that when he grows up he will have had a chance to practice being a father.

50) **Zenaida**
Celinda Andrade Campbell

Written in English and Spanish, this is the story of a young girl's work and play adventures.

Grades 3-6

51) **Alanna: The First Adventure**
Tamora Pierce

Alanna wants to be a knight, and her brother wants to be a wizard in this medieval tale.

52) **The Alfred Summer**
Jan Slepian

A fourteen-year-old boy with cerebral palsy describes his world with clarity and depth.

53) **Allan and the Animal Kingdom**
Isabelle Holland

An orphan learns to trust people through his relationship with animals.

54) **Anne of Green Gables**
L.M. Montgomery

The Cuthberts wanted a boy from the orphanage, but instead got red-haired, quick-tempered Anne.

55) **Babe Didrikson: Athlete of the Century**
R.R. Knudson

Babe Didrikson broke records in golf, track, field and other sports at a time when there were few opportunities for female athletes.

56) **Barbara Jordan: Keeping Faith**
Linda Jacobs

As a dedicated and committed black woman, Barbara Jordan has represented the poor of all races in her life and work as a public servant.

57) **Bridge to Terabithia**
Katherine Patterson

Jess and Leslie's secret kingdom of Terabithia endures beyond tragedy.

58) **Caddie Woodlawn**
Carol Brink

Tomboy Caddie runs free on the frontier of 1865.

59) **Claudia**
Barbara Brooks Wallace

Why can't Claudia's best friend be an eight-year-old boy?

60) **The Computer That Said Steal Me**
Elizabeth Levy

What happens to a boy who wishes for a computer and then finds one that asks to be stolen?

61) **Coretta Scott King**
Lillie Patterson

From her youth in a segregated town to her participation in the Civil Rights Movement, Coretta King fights for equality for the poor.

62) **Crazy April**
Lyla Perl

This is the story of a girl who is embarrassed by her liberated mother, and how she comes to terms with her feelings.

63) **Dear Mr. Henshaw**
Beverly Cleary

A young boy strikes up a correspondence with his favorite author.

64) **The Dragon and the Doctor**
Barbara Damish

A female doctor and a male nurse cure a sick dragon.

65) **Fastest Woman on Earth**
Alida Thacher

Deaf from infancy, this daring Cherokee woman, Kitty O'Neill, has excelled as an Olympic diver, a record setting waterskier and a stunt driver. She has also focused her work on helping other disabled people define and achieve their own goals.

66) **Fifth Chinese Daughter**
Jade Snow Wong

What are some of the differences which Jade Snow notices between the "Chinese Way" and the "American Way" of life?

67) **Firegirl**
Gibson Rich

This is the story of Brenda, an eight year old who is fascinated by fire trucks and longs to fight fires.

68) **The First Woman of Medicine: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell**
Scott Matthew

In 1849 Elizabeth Blackwell became one of the first women allowed to earn a medical degree in the United States. She went on to work as a physician and founded a hospital and medical college for women.

69) **Friendships Are Like That**
Child Study Children's Book Committee at Bank Street

This anthology contains nine stories about many different kinds of friendship among children.

70) **From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**
E.L. Konigsburg

Two runaways hide out in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

71) **Growin'**
Nikki Grimes

Pump and Jim Jim learn that friendship is based on trust and need.

72) **Half Magic**
Edward Eager

An ordinary summer becomes an extraordinary adventure when four young children stumble on a magic world of their own.

73) **Harriet and the Promised Land**
Jacob Lawrence

This book presents the story of Harriet Tubman and her work helping slaves escape to freedom.

74) **Harriet the Spy**
Louise Fitzhugh

Harriet's secret spy notebook leads to catastrophe.

75) **Iggie's House**
Judy Blume

A new family moves into Iggie's home. The Garbers were black, and Grove Street was white and always had been. Winnie sets out to welcome them. That's why the trouble started.

76) **Island of the Blue Dolphins**
Scott O'Dell

Courageous Karana lives all alone on a Pacific island for eighteen years.

77) **Janet Guthrie, Champion Racer**
James & Lynn Hahn

This is the story of the first woman driver, Janet Guthrie, who qualified for the Indianapolis 500 auto race.

78) **A Jar of Dreams**
Yoshiko Uchida

Rinko is certain that her Aunt Waka, coming to visit from Japan, will ruin her summer. Aunt Waka does turn everything upside down, but she also teaches Rinko to be proud of being Japanese.

79) **Jump Ship to Freedom**
James Lincoln Callier

By right, Daniel Arabys and his mother, slaves in New England, should be free. His father earned their freedom by fighting in the American Revolution. When their freedom money is taken by their master, Daniel decides to risk his life getting it back.

80) **Maria Tallchief**
Tobi Tobias

Maria Tallchief became one of the world's greatest ballerinas, despite the conflicts and discrimination she encountered.

81) **My Mother and I Are Growing Strong**
Inez Maury

This book explores issues of racism against Latinos through the story of Emilita and her mother who are learning to live without the presence of a father and husband.

82) **Nancy Lopez, Golfing Pioneer**
James & Lynn Hahn

Originally from New Mexico, Nancy Lopez has fought gender and ethnic discrimination to become a very successful professional golfer.

83) **One-Eyed Cat**
Paula Fox

Ned Wallis knows he's forbidden to touch the rifle in the attic. But he can't resist sneaking it out of the house, just once. Before he realizes it, Ned takes a shot at a dark shadow.

84) **Rachel Carson: Who Loved the Sea**
Jean Lee Latham

Rachel Carson's love for the ocean and biology led her to become a scientist and alert the world to the destructiveness of pesticides.

85) **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**
Mildred Taylor

Cassie Logan grows up proud and loved in the midst of the terrifying South during the Depression years.

86) **Sally Ride: An American First**
June Behrens

Sally Ride's youth, education as an astrophysicist and career as an astronaut are described in this biography.

87) **The Secret Garden**
Frances Burnett

There is a secret, mysterious garden where a lonely little girl finds friends, health and happiness. This book was originally published in 1912.

88) **Stone Fox**
John Gardiner

Little Willy knows he must win the dogsled race with Stone Fox, the American Indian, in order to pay off the family debts.

89) **The Stories Julian Tells**
Ann Cameron

Julian tells many tales about his life; some even include stories about friendships with girls.

90) **Summer of the Swans**
Betsy Byars

Sara's moods were as unpredictable as the sudden appearance of the swans -- the swans which so fascinated Charlie as he watched them glide silently about the lake.

91) **The Swing**
Emily Hanlon

A hearing-impaired girl and a local boy claim the same swing at the vacation cottage.

92) **Tatterhood and Other Tales**
Ethel Johnson Phelps

The main characters in these series are heroic women distinguished by extraordinary courage and achievements.

93) **31 Brothers and Sisters**
Reba Musky

In this story, Nomusa is rewarded for what she does, even though she is acting like a boy. Mdingi is not rewarded. See if you can guess what happens to Nomusa and Mdingi as they grow older.

94) **A Train for Jane**
Norma Klein

A young girl has a strong desire for a model train and eventually gets one.

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95) **The Trouble with Tuck**
Theodore Tayler

A girl gets a puppy and learns to be independent.

96) **Tuck Everlasting**
Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family discovers eternal life after drinking from a magic spring. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing than it might seem.

97) **Wilma Rudolph: Run for the Glory**
Linda Jacobs

Stricken by polio when she was four years old, Wilma Rudolph recovered to become a runner and went on to win three Olympic gold medals in track.

98) **Women and Science**
Valjean McLenighan

From cultural anthropology to physics, these women were outstanding in their specialized fields: Margaret Mead, Annie Jump Cannon, Rachel Carson, Alice Hamilton, Chien Shuing Wu and Florence Sabin.

99) **Women Who Dared to be Different**
Bennett Wayne

The life stories of daring women from earlier times are presented in this book. The women described are Nelly Bly, reporter; Amelia Earhart, pilot; Maria Mitchell, astronomer; and Annie Oakley, sharpshooter.

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100) **Women With a Cause**
Bennett Wayne

The lives of Susan B. Anthony, Anne Hutchinson, Lucretia Mott and Eleanor Roosevelt, and the causes they championed are the subjects of this book.

101) **A Wonderful, Terrible Time**
Mary Stoltz

Was summer camp wonderful, or was it terrible?

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